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SUBJECT: MBFR: FLANK SECURITY

REF: A. NATO 1683, B. NATO 1710, C. ROME 4537

1. GIVEN DETERMINED ITALIAN EFFORT TO GET ALLIANCE AGREE-
MENT TO THEIR LANGUAGE, WE BELIEVE EMBASSY ROME SHOULD
APPROACH GOI AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL AND SUPPLEMENT DEMARCHE
US MISSION NATO IS MAKING IN BRUSSELS. IN DOING SO, YOU
SHOULD DRAW ON REF. B AS WELL AS ARGUMENTS GIVEN IN PARAS.
3, 4, AND 5 BELOW.

2. FOR US NATO: IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY MADE DEMARCHE AS
INDICATED PARA. 6, REF. A, YOU MAY ALSO WISH TO DRAW ON
FOLLOWING ARGUMENTS TO SUPPLEMENT THOSE IN REF. B. WE AGREE
THAT INDICATIONS OF CHANGING GERMAN ATTITUDES ON THIS ISSUE
OBVIATE NEED FOR APPROACH TO FRG NOW.

3. WHILE COLLATERAL MBFR ROLE HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO ACHIEVE
MAXIMUM RESTRAINT ON PACT REDEPLOYMENTS, THIS HAS ALWAYS
BEEN QUALIFIED BY OUR DESIRE TO PRESERVE MAXIMUM FEASIBLE
ALLIED FLEXIBILITY. WE BELIEVE THAT TREATMENT OF SPECIFIC
GEOGRAPHIC AREAS, AS IN ITALIAN FORMULATIONS, IN CONTEXT OF
AHG DECLARATION ON FLANKS WILL NEEDLESSLY PROVOKE NEGATIVE
SOVIET REACTION AND, IF ADOPTED, COULD SERIOUSLY INHIBIT
NATO MILITARY PLANNING FOR POST-REDUCTION PERIOD BY
LIMITING REINFORCEMENT TO THE FLANK AREAS.

4. WE AGREE THAT THE QUESTION OF HUNGARY DESERVES CAREFUL
ALLIED CONSIDERATION BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT FLANK
SECURITY DISCUSSION SHOULD PROPERLY ADDRESS IT. RATHER,
WE BELIEVE ENTIRE QUESTION OF HUNGARY AND ITS RELATIONSHIP
TO MBFR WITHDRAWALS AND RESULTING REDEPLOYMENTS SHOULD BE
DISCUSSED UNDER THE HEADING OF NON-CIRCUMVENTION. WITHOUT
COMMITTING OURSELVES ON THE SUBSTANCE OF ITALIAN LANGUAGE,
WE BELIEVE ITALY SHOULD CONSIDER MAKING ITS CONCERNS KNOWN
AT THE TIME THE ALLIANCE DISCUSSES NON-CIRCUMVENTION ISSUE.
TO INSIST ON CONSIDERATION NOW WILL INEVITABLY DELAY
DECISION ON FLANK SECURITY.

5. WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATIONS IN REFTEL C, PARA. 6,
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WE BELIEVE THAT AN AGREEMENT PROVISION WITH SPECIFICITY OF
ITALIAN FORMULATION COULD FORECLOSE POSSIBLE OPTIONS FOR
FUTURE DEFENSE COOPERATION AND MIGHT SET UNDESIRABLE
PRECEDENT. ITALIAN FORMULATION WOULD NOT BIND NON-PARTICI-
PANTS BUT WOULD IMPOSE CONSTRAINTS ON MBFR PARTICIPANTS
MAKING REDEPLOYMENTS AND ALSO POSSIBLY ON MBFR PARTICIPANTS
RECEIVING REDEPLOYED FORCES. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WISE TO
SUGGEST TO THE EAST THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO LIMIT OURSELVES

IN SUCH A MANNER. KISSINGER

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